

REMARKS

Status of claims

Claims 1, 3 to 4, 15-16 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(e) for lack of novelty over Onggosanusi et al (2003/0210750 A1) hereinafter “Onggosanusi”.

Claims 7 to 8, 12 to 14 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) for obviousness over Onggosanusi in view of US patent application publication 2003/0026347.

The Examiner has objected to claims 5 to 6, 9 to 10 as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but indicated that such claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claim 1

Claim 1 has been limited by combination with previous claims 4 and 5 in accordance with the Examiner’s indication as to patentable subject matter.

Dependent Claims 2 to 6

Claims 4 and 5 are canceled. The dependency of claim 6 has been updated.

Claims 2, 3 and 6 are patentable not least on the basis that they each depend on an allowable independent claim 1.

Claim 7

Claim 7 has been limited by combination with previous claims 8 and 9 in accordance with the Examiner’s indication as to patentable subject matter.

Claims 8 to 10

Claims 8 and 9 are canceled.

The dependency of claim 10 is updated. Claim 10 is patentable not least on the basis that it depends on an allowable independent claim 7.

Claims 12 and 13

Claims 12 and 13 are canceled.

Claim 14

Independent claim 14 has been amended in line with amended claim 7 by additionally requiring the features of claims 8 and 9. Accordingly it is believed that amended claim 14 is in accordance with the Examiner's indication as to patentable subject matter.

Claim 15

Independent claim 15 has been amended in line with amended claim 1 by additionally requiring the features of claims 4 and 5. Accordingly, it is believed that amended claim 15 is in accordance with the Examiner's indication as to patentable subject matter.

Claim 16

Claim 16 is canceled.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, allowance of all the claims presently in the application is respectfully requested, as is passage to issuance of the application. If the Examiner should feel that the application is not yet in a condition for allowance and that a telephone interview would be useful, he is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at **973 386 3147**.

Respectfully submitted,



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